

First Presbyterian Church

Organized May 25, 1822

*With Christ as our Savior and Guide
We seek to know God's love and share it
With each other, our community, and the world.
We invite you to join us in this journey
of discipleship.*

Rev. Dr. Gregory L. Glover, Pastor

Second Sunday in Lent

March 17, 2019

GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

PRELUDE O World, I Must Leave You
Johannes Brahms

GATHERING OF THE PEOPLE AND GREETING

The LORD be with you.

And also with you.

*CALL TO WORSHIP

God's gifts are as many as the stars,
God's grace as endless as the evening sky.
Let us worship the Christ who binds us together.
the One in whom we place our trust.
Let us worship God together.

*HYMN #213 "In The Cross of Christ I Glory"

THE CALL TO CONFESSION

THE PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Holy One,
Yours is a story of grace and mercy.
Yours is a harvest of righteousness and truth.
Yours is a gospel of goodness and sharing.
Yours is a love that overflows.

Forgive us of the ways we fall short of your call.
Convict us of our failings.
Enlighten us to your truth.
Enliven us for your service.
Empower us through your forgiveness.
Shower us with your grace.

Now hear our silent, personal prayers of confession.

SILENT CONFESSION

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

*GLORIA PATRI, Hymn #581

PROCLAIMING THE WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

FIRST SCRIPTURE READING Philippians 3:17-4:1 (p. 955)

ANTHEM "Set Me As A Seal Upon Your Heart"
David Childs

CHILDREN'S MOMENT

***Children ages 4-4th grade leave for Children's Worship*

INTERLUDE

SECOND SCRIPTURE READING Luke 13:31-35 (p. 849)

Holy wisdom, holy word.

Thanks be to God

SERMON "Concern to Confidence"

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

*HYMN #841 "God Is My Strong Salvation"
(Psalm 27)

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH *Apostles' Creed, pg. 35*

I BELIEVE in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, and in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary,

suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic Church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

THE OFFERTORY "O Sacred Head"
Johannes Brahms

*THE DOXOLOGY, HYMN #606

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

*HYMN #65 "Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah"

*CHARGE & BENEDICTION

*POSTLUDE "Prelude in g minor"
Johannes Brahms

WORSHIP NOTES

Laura Black is today's liturgist.

Eric Salyer is today's audio-visual specialist.

Mark Ring is Director of Music/Organist.

Matt McNeill, Accompanist.

***Please stand if you are able.**

**** Children's Worship is in the Chapel outside of the church office.**

Note on Psalm 27: This psalm of comfort encourages us to trust in the powerful presence of the living Lord. God guides us and protects us from enemies. We, in turn, respond to God's loving care and gracious acts of salvation with thanksgiving, trust, and obedience. The psalm is particularly relevant to our age of unprecedented change and volatility, this time when the world around us and the ground under our feet seems to be in constant flux. In such a world God alone remains the firm foundation of our faith and our

constant, steadfast assurance. The psalmist associates God's presence with "the house of the Lord," the temple in Jerusalem; this holy place is the psalmist's true "home." As Christians, we recognize that God's constant, living presence is not confined to any one place, but is always present in Christ who has promised never to leave or forsake us (Matthew 28:20). Jesus is our light and our salvation (John 8:12; 9:5), more constant in his love for us than our father, mother, sister, or brother.

THIS WEEK AT FPC

Sunday, March 17 St. Patrick's Day

9:00am **Adult, Children & Youth S.S.**

9:00-9:15am **Children's Music**

Monday, March 18

5:00pm **Theology on Tap** at Don Pablos on Riverside

Tuesday, March 19

5:00pm **Yoga**

Wednesday, March 20

10:00am **Bible Study**

5:00pm **Room in The Inn**

6:00pm **Handbells**

6:30pm **Youth @CFA**

7:00pm **Adult Choir**

Thursday, March 21

8:30am **Yoga**

Noon **Staff Meeting**

FPC Social Media Links:
 Instagram: fpcclarksvilletn
 Facebook: @FPCClarksville
 Twitter: clarksvillefpc

ANNOUNCEMENTS

PW LUNCHEON is March 25 at 12:30pm. You will be treated to an Hawaiian Luau with dancers from the Hawaiian Club and luau style food provided by Sue Reynolds. Please join us! Sign-ups are in the bulletin (tear-off), on the PW bulletin board or through the church office. Please choose one way and only one time. Thank you.

FIRST SUNDAY SHOWERS OF LOVE FPC opens its doors to share our facilities so that people who are homeless can have a warm shower in a safe place. You are welcome to come at **2pm**, lower level of the **AOC/gym** to fellowship with some wonderful folks! Contact Ann Waddle (waddleiread@gmail.com) for more info!

NEW STUDENT REGISTRATION for FPC Learning Center begins **Monday, March 18.** The Learning Center serves Homeschool students K-12 in a small group instructional setting. To register call the Learning Center Office at 931-648-2665.

LOAVES AND FISHES CAPITAL CAMPAIGN Please join us for tea and biscuits, hats and pearls at the Ladies Tea Party **Saturday, March 30 at 2pm** at F&M Bank's Franklin Room. Cost is \$50.00, checks are payable to L&F Capital Campaign, P.O. Box 3241, Clarksville 37043. For more information, contact malinda@loavesfishescampaign.org or call 931-648-9529.

MEN'S QUARTERLY BREAKFAST All men, all ages, are invited to our quarterly breakfast to participate in conversations about life and faith! We will meet on **Tuesday, April 2 at 8:00 am at the Shoney's** on the corner of Kraft Street and 2nd Street. A brief devotional follows the meal.

MEMBER/VISITOR INFORMATION CARD

Please complete and place in offering plate
 10:00am Service

Name: _____

Member(s) 1st Time Visitor(s) Visitor(s)

Address: _____

Email: _____

Telephone: _____

- Members indicate if this is a change in information.
- I will attend **PW Lunch** I need child care
- I am interested in membership, baptism, or a meeting with the pastor (please circle which one(s)).

Other: _____

Prayer Requests: _____

LOOKING AHEAD:

March 25-29, Spring Break!

March 25, PW Luncheon (see announcement)

April 2, Men's Quarterly Breakfast (see announcement)

April 7, Showers of Love (see announcement)

April 14, Palm Sunday

April 19, Good Friday No School

April 20, Easter Egg Hunt

April 21, Easter

April 26, Men's Work Trip

May 12, Mother's Day

May 22, Last Day of School

May 23-25, High Graduations

May 27, Memorial Day Office Closed

YOUTH GROUP ACTIVITIES

The youth are on the NaCoMe Youth Work Trip this weekend so there is no Youth Group meeting today.